

Planning - White Bark Vista Parking (FINAL)

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A. Statement of Planning Objectives

The planning objectives of this project are to provide staging and parking at White Bark Vista. This popular area is known for having picturesque views and is also the North entrance to the Dusy Ershim OHV Route. There is a need for parking and toilet facilities for visitors at White Bark Vista and people embarking on the Dusy Ershim OHV route.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

This project relates directly to OHV recreation by being on the Dusy Ershim OHV route which is a one of a kind route that passes through a corridor between two major wilderness areas, the John Muir and Kaiser. The Dusy Ershim OHV route is 36 miles in distance and takes approximately 3 days to navigate. A parking area at White Bark Vista will improve access to and enhance the experience of OHV recreation.

C. Statement of Activities

Activities include preliminary planning with an assessment by Resource Specialists and basic designs from Engineering. Specialists will need to visit each proposed project site for at least one day of data research. Two to four days of data processing will be required to accomplish needed planning. The Dusy Ershim OHV route is very remote and can take more than 3 days to cross.

D. List of Reports

Reports needing an environmental analysis will be completed per NEPA requirements.

Additional Documentation

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1. Timeline for Completion

Attachments:

[Completion timeline](#)

2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

3. Optional Project-specific Maps

Attachments:

[Project Map](#)

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Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Sierra National Forest		
PROJECT TITLE :	Planning - White Bark Vista Parking (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-02-17-P04
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	The planning objectives of this project are to provide staging and parking at White Bark Vista. This popular area is known for having picturesque views and is also the North entrance to the Dusy Ershim OHV Route. There is a need for parking and toilet facilities for visitors at White Bark Vista and people embarking on the Dusy Ershim OHV route.		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Management and Admin Staff	15.000	346.980	DAY	0.00	5,205.00	5,205.00
	Other-OSV Manager	15.000	273.000	DAY	3,072.00	1,023.00	4,095.00
	Other-OHV Manager	15.000	226.950	DAY	2,554.00	850.00	3,404.00
	Other-Landscape Architect	15.000	300.000	DAY	3,375.00	1,125.00	4,500.00
	Other-Road Engineer	10.000	344.000	DAY	2,580.00	860.00	3,440.00
	Other-Wildlife Biologist	5.000	344.000	DAY	1,290.00	430.00	1,720.00
	Other-Aquatics	5.000	325.960	DAY	1,223.00	407.00	1,630.00
	Other-Archaeologist	5.000	326.570	DAY	1,225.00	408.00	1,633.00
	Other-Botanist	5.000	291.660	DAY	1,094.00	364.00	1,458.00
	Other-Hydrologist	5.000	322.110	DAY	1,209.00	402.00	1,611.00

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-Volunteers	100.000	20.000	HRS	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Total for Staff				17,622.00	13,074.00	30,696.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Other-Volunteer Subsistence Notes : Volunteer subsistence is to reimburse volunteers for their mileage and meal costs while working on project	50.000	3.000	EA	100.00	50.00	150.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Other-Vehicle Mileage	800.000	0.550	YR	400.00	40.00	440.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Indirect Costs						
	Indirect Costs-Indirect Costs	1.000	1784.000	MISC	0.00	1,784.00	1,784.00
	Total Program Expenses				18,122.00	14,948.00	33,070.00
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				18,122.00	14,948.00	33,070.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES				18,122.00	14,948.00	33,070.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	17,622.00	13,074.00	30,696.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	100.00	50.00	150.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	400.00	40.00	440.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	1,784.00	1,784.00	
Total Program Expenses		18,122.00	14,948.00	33,070.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		18,122.00	14,948.00	33,070.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) Yes No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Planning Project Criteria

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

- 76% or more (10 points) 51% - 75% (5 points)
 26% - 50% (3 points) 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Planning Project - Q 2.

A Planning Project - Page 1

2. The Planning Project would address the following 3

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.
 Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents
 Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation
 Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

B. Planning Project - Page 2

Explain each statement that was checked

White Bark Vista is the trailhead for the north entrance to the Ducey-Ershim OHV route and also a recreation vista location offering pristine views of the High Sierras.

Trail Issues: Currently there is no identified parking location for those leaving trailers and vehicles while accessing the OHV route. This is causing parking problems as well as congestion at the trailhead.

Other Recreation Uses: This is a high use location for recreation visitors. The parking and congestion are interfering with their recreation experience as well as causing parking and turnaround issues.

Soil and Water: Due to having no established parking area vehicles are loading and unloading on slopes and drainages causing soil erosion which is effecting water runoff and quality.

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- 6 or more items checked (4 points) 4 to 5 items checked (3 points)
 2 to 3 items checked (2 points) 1 or no items checked (No points)

3. Motorized Access - Q 3.

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- Camping Birding

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) [interpretive site] | |

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project proposal was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
 Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
 Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Quarterly meetings and phone calls are held with Adopt-a-Trail and 4WD representatives to discuss existing and future projects. A meeting will be held on March 16th with the general public to get input on the preliminary grant proposal.

5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- No (No points) Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- 4 or more (4 points) 2 to 3 (2 points)
 1 (1 point) None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Adopt-a-Trail Volunteers
Huntington Lake Historical Society
Snowmobile Club Volunteers
Southern California Edison
High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew

These volunteer groups will be utilized in various capacities in actual on the ground implementation of the project.

7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 6

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)
 Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)
 Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)
 Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)
 Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

Environmental analysis will be completed by resource specialists per NEPA requirements for development of the area.

White Bark Vista is adjacent to the Huntington Lake Recreation Area which is a highly populated recreation center which caters to both summer and winter recreation visitors. It is also adjacent to Sierra Summit Ski Resort.

8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

No (No points)

Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Historically, funding sources associated with designated travel routes has been a combination of Forest Service appropriated dollars and State funding, such as OHMVR funds. In recent years, appropriated dollars have been minimal. Trail route maintenance is accomplished with a combination of efforts, including work provided by volunteers, appropriated Federal funding, and State funding through grant agreements. Costs associated with implementing changes to road use, will be paid for primarily through Federal appropriated dollars.

Reference Document

Sierra NF 2010 Lands, Recreation, Heritage, Partnerships, and Wilderness Annual Business Plan

9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

No (No points)

Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Vehicle parking as well as unloading and loading of OHV equipment is creating erosion issues at this site which is a hydrology issue to do soil filtration into water runoff sites.